

TITLE: Firefighter

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DEPARTMENT: FireREPORTS TO: Fire LieutenantSUPERVISES: NoneDEFINITION:

Responds to emergency calls to provide fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical assistance to the public. Conducts fire prevention inspections; performs general maintenance on fire apparatus, equipment, and facilities.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS-- (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed nor do the listed examples include all tasks which may be found in positions of this class.)

Uses appropriate fire fighting equipment and techniques to extinguish fires in buildings, terrain, automobiles or other situations which may involve oil, chemicals, electrical or other flammable or combustible materials or origins.

Drives pump ladder trucks; operates pumps, aerial ladders, and other auxiliary fire apparatus; rescues occupants of buildings. Ventilates burning buildings by opening windows and skylights or cutting holes in roof and floors.

Responds to incidents involving hazardous materials; wears self contained breathing apparatus and using specialized tools and equipment to save lives, protect property, suppress fires, and administer first aid to the sick and injured.

Performs clean up of fire scene; salvages property, removes debris and cleans or restocks equipment and materials.

Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for medical aid and transports patients to hospitals or other medical facility. Provides or assists in the emergency treatment and care of ill or injured patients.

Inspects and performs general maintenance and minor repairs to department facilities, apparatus and equipment. Cleans and maintains station work, sleeping and eating areas. Provides routine cleaning of vehicles and equipment. Maintains building exterior and grounds.

Tests or troubleshoots problems with facility, equipment, apparatus and fire protection systems such as radios and paging equipment, recorders and alarm circuits.

Participates in performing fire inspections of public and private buildings for pre-fire planning or to determine if they comply with fire codes.

Participates in fire drills and department training programs to learn or upgrade skills in firefighting methods, equipment or services. Participates in training less experienced personnel.

Performs other work as required.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

Prepares and maintains reports and records of activities, incidents, inspections or other information.

Assists in investigation of fire incidents by securing the fire scene, identifying evidence and providing written and verbal reports of the incident.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work is performed in the fire station while sitting, standing or walking and at emergency sites in varying and extreme weather conditions. When responding to emergencies, employees risk physical hazard from fire, smoke, chemicals and other hazardous materials, falling debris, unstable buildings and extreme heat. Physical exertion is required to climb ladders, pull hoses, move heavy objects, crawl through tight spaces. Physical effort is required to lift materials, equipment, and persons exceeding 50 lbs. May be required to work at heights in excess of 20 feet.

QUALIFICATIONS:Knowledge of:

- Fire suppression and prevention techniques, practices, and methods.
- Fire protection systems, including sprinkler and alarm systems and fire hydrant location.
- Standard firefighting practices, methods, and procedures.
- Safety standards, procedures, and precautions utilized in firefighting activities.
- Geography and street system of the district and location of major buildings.
- Emergency medical practices and CPR procedures.
- The safe and appropriate use of firefighting equipment and related tools.

Ability to:

- Apply principles and techniques of modern firefighting prevention, suppression, investigation, and all other aspects of firefighting.
- Skillfully and safely use firefighting tools and equipment.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Maintain composure under adverse conditions such as heavy smoke, critical injuries, and death.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, officials, and the public.
- Analyze situations quickly and objectively and to recognize actual and potential dangerous situations, and to determine proper course of action.
- Achieve and maintain adequate level of physical fitness to perform the essential functions of the job.

Education and Experience -- Any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform the job. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

High School diploma or G.E.D.; college course work in fire science preferred.

Licenses, Certificates, and Other Requirements

Valid driver's license

Emergency Medical Technician Certification

Hazardous Materials First Responder Certification

Firefighter I Certification

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